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**ANNUAL TOWN**  
**April 29, May 1, 6, 9, 13, 20 & 22, 1996**

The meeting was televised by Amherst Community Television.

The 237th Annual Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Harrison L. Gregg at 7:42 p.m.. There were 249 town meeting members. 136 checked in and a quorum was declared. Harrison Gregg was sworn to the faithful performance of his duties as Moderator. After taking the oath he swore in the body of town meeting members. The call and return of the warrant were read by Assistant Town Clerk, Margaret Z. Nartowicz.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED unanimously that the Town hear only those reports of Town officers, the Finance Committee, and any other Town boards or committees which are not available in written form. Action taken on 4/29/96.

ARTICLE 2. VOTED unanimously that the Town appropriate and transfer \$2,185.35 from Free Cash in the Unreserved Fund Balance of the General Fund to pay an unpaid bill of a previous fiscal year. Action taken on 4/29/96.

ARTICLE 3. VOTED that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 44, section 53F of the Massachusetts General Laws, which authorize the Treasurer to enter into written agreements with banking institutions pursuant to which the Treasurer agrees to maintain funds on deposit in exchange for banking services. Action taken on 4/29/96.

ARTICLE 4. VOTED unanimously that the Town authorize a maximum exemption of 100 percent for taxpayers qualifying for exemption under M.G.L. Ch. 59, Sec.17D, 22, 37A, and 41C. Action taken on 4/29/96.

ARTICLE 5. VOTED unanimously that the Town

- a.amend the FY 96 General Fund operating budget by increasing the appropriation to the Reserve Fund in General Government by \$147,556 and that to meet such appropriation \$147,556 be transferred from FY 96 Snow and Ice Reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- b.amend the FY 96 Sewer Fund budget by increasing the appropriation for principal and interest on debt by \$48,000 and that to meet such appropriation \$48,000 be transferred from Sewer Fund Surplus.

Action taken on 4/29/96.

ARTICLE 6. FY 97 Operating Budget

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate \$11,601,148 for the Amherst Elementary Schools. Action taken on 4/29/96.

REGIONAL SCHOOLS

VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate \$6,190,305 as its proportionate share of the operating and capital costs of the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District. Action taken on 4/29/96.

WATER FUND

VOTED unanimously that the Town appropriate \$1,554,700 for the Water Fund Operating Budget, \$669,879 for payment of principal and interest on Water Fund Debt, \$171,000 for Water Fund Capital, that \$2,446,529 be made available from Water Fund revenues of the current year and that \$171,000 be made available from Water Fund Surplus. Action taken on 4/29/96.

## SEWER FUND

VOTED unanimously that the Town appropriate \$1,652,048 for Sewer Fund Operating Budgets, \$214,346 for payment of principal and interest on Sewer Fund debt, \$170,000 for Sewer Fund Capital and that \$2,386,709 be made available from Sewer Fund revenues of the current year.

Action taken on 4/29/96.

## SOLID WASTE FUND

VOTED that the Town appropriate \$410,576 for Solid Waste Fund Operating budgets, \$718,888 for payment of principal and interest on Solid Waste Fund debt, \$15,000 for Solid Waste fund capital and that \$1,290,028 be made available from Solid Waste Fund revenues of the current year.

Action taken on 4/29/96.

10:32 p.m. The meeting voted to adjourn to Wednesday, May 1, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Amherst Regional Junior High School. 200 town meeting members checked in.

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The adjourned session of Wednesday, May 1, 1996 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:47 p.m. 126 town meeting members were checked in. Roger Wallace, Hilda Greenbaum, James Pistrang, Nonny Burack, H. Oldham Brooks and Stephen Zipperstein were sworn as tellers.

## GOLF COURSE FUND

VOTED that the Town appropriate \$174,171 for the Golf Course Fund operating budget and \$132,900 for principal and interest on Golf Course Fund debt, that \$24,020 be raised by taxation, that \$108,880 be transferred from The Sale of Real Estate Account and that \$184,153 be made available from Golf Course Fund revenues of the current year.

Action taken on 5/1/96.

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

VOTED unanimously that the Town appropriate \$2,711,612 for General Government, that the salary of the Moderator be fixed at \$10, that of the Board of Selectmen at \$300 each, that of the Elector under the Oliver Smith Will at \$20, and that to meet such appropriation \$2,711,612 be raised by taxation.

Action taken on 5/1/96.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

VOTED unanimously that the Town appropriate \$4,818,264 for Public Safety, that \$4,368,264 be raised by taxation and that \$450,000 be transferred from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation.

Action taken on 5/1/96.

## PUBLIC WORKS

VOTED unanimously that the Town appropriate \$1,451,923 for Public Works and that \$1,349,923 be raised by taxation, \$100,000 be transferred from Parking Meter Receipt Reserved for Appropriation, and \$2,000 be transferred from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account.

Action taken on 5/1/96.

## PLANNING/CONSERVATION/INSPECTIONS

VOTED YES 92, NO 59 that the Town raise and appropriate \$687,161 for Planning/Conservation/Inspections.

Action taken on 5/1/96.

The meeting voted that Elisa Campbell serve as Moderator Pro Tem on Monday, May 6, 1996. 10:05 p.m. The meeting voted to adjourn to Monday, May 6, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Amherst Regional Junior High School. 168 town meeting members checked in.

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The adjourned session of Monday, May 6, 1996 was called to order by the Moderator Pro Tem at 7:40 p.m. Elisa Campbell was sworn to the faithful performance of her duties as Moderator Pro Tem. 125 town meeting members were checked in.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

VOTED YES 93, NO 76 that the Town raise and appropriate \$787,186 for Community Services.

Action taken on 5/6/96.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

VOTED unanimously that the Town appropriate \$1,256,099 for Library Services, and that to meet such appropriation, \$855,694 be raised by taxation, that \$71,041 be transferred from State Aid to Library Accounts, that \$313,699 be accepted from Jones Library Inc., and that \$15,665 be accepted from grants, gifts or bequests.  
Action taken on 5/6/96.

DEBT SERVICE

VOTED unanimously that the Town appropriate \$1,250,214 for payment of principal and interest on the Town's General Fund indebtedness and that to meet such appropriation \$1,210,214 be raised by taxation and that \$40,000 be transferred from Parking Receipts Reserved for Appropriation.  
Action taken on 5/6/96.

ARTICLE 7. VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,254,400 for the Hampshire County Retirement System assessment.  
Action taken on 5/6/96.

ARTICLE 8. VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,500 for Amherst Community Television and related expenses.  
Action taken on 5/6/96.

ARTICLE 9. VOTED unanimously that the Town appropriate \$50,000 for the development and coordination of support services essential to the tenants of congregate housing, said program to be fully reimbursed by the Department of Elder Affairs.  
Action taken on 5/6/96.

ARTICLE 10. VOTED unanimously that the Town endorse no-fare transit service to the Echo Hill, Cushman, and Orchard Valley areas of the Town and for elderly and disabled special services, and approve the levying of an assessment by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the Town's proportionate share of the cost of such services.  
Action taken on 5/6/96.

ARTICLE 11. VOTED that the Town raise and appropriate \$117,483 for the following human services agencies:

Amherst Survival Center	\$23,837
Cambodian American Association	\$ 5,000
Center for Human Development:	
Big Brother/Big Sister	\$15,500
Helen Mitchell Outreach Project	\$15,500
Learning for Life	\$ 3,000
Not Bread Alone	\$ 5,000
Children's Aid and Family Services	\$ 6,000
Commuter Services - Homesharing	\$ 1,200
Everywoman's Center	\$ 2,500
Food Bank	\$ 900
HCAC - First Call for Help	\$ 8,000
Hampshire County VNA - Senior Health	\$ 6,000
Men's Resource Center	\$ 2,500
Necessities/Necesidades	\$ 5,000
YWCA Teen Parent Program	\$ 4,000
After School Tuition Program	\$13,546

Action taken on 5/6/96.

10:02 p.m. The meeting voted to adjourn to Thursday, May 9, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Amherst Regional Junior High School. 178 town meeting members checked in.

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The adjourned session of Thursday, May 9, 1996 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:43 p.m. 125 town meeting members were checked in.

ARTICLE 12. VOTED that the Town appropriate \$614,500 to purchase, repair and/or install the items of equipment in the article and be authorized to turn in or sell corresponding items of equipment as part

payment and that to meet such appropriation, \$470,500 be raised by taxation and \$24,000 be transferred from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, and \$120,000 be provided from Chapter 90 highway funds.

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| Computers                      | Tractor           |
| Cruisers (4)                   | Dump Trucks (3)   |
| Horse Trailer                  | Van               |
| Fire Turnout Gear              | Fire Vehicle      |
| Historical Records Restoration | Pickup Trucks (2) |
| Playground Equipment           |                   |
| Kitchen Equipment              |                   |
- (leaf loader deleted from list)  
Action taken on 5/9/96.

ARTICLE 13. VOTED unanimously that the Town appropriate \$225,000 to repair and/or improve facilities listed in the article and to meet such appropriation \$215,000 be raised by taxation and \$10,000 be provided from Chapter 90 highway funds.

- Child Care Facility Maintenance
  - Oil Tank Removal
  - Carpet Replacement
  - Roof Repairs
  - Asbestos Removal
  - Downtown Improvements
  - Athletic Fields
  - Disability Access Improvements
  - Boltwood Parcel C-3 Assessment
  - Salt Shed
  - Energy Management System
- Action taken on 5/9/96.

ARTICLE 14. VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,500 to assist the Department of Food and Agriculture, Commonwealth of Massachusetts with the purchase of Agricultural Preservation Restrictions on farms in Amherst.  
Action taken on 5/9/96.

ARTICLE 15. VOTED unanimously that the Town:

- a.authorize expenditure of Chapter 90 funds for the following purchases:
  - \$10,000 to design improvements to the Main/Amity/No.Pleasant/So.Pleasant intersection;
  - \$30,000 to design improvements to the Route 9/Route 116 intersection;
  - \$10,000 to design sidewalk improvements on College Street;
  - \$220,000 for improvements to Flat Hills Road;
  - \$300,000 for construction and repair of certain roads in Town, and
- b.authorize the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement of these funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Action taken on 5/9/96.

9:56 p.m. The meeting voted YES 69, NO 50 to adjourn to Monday, May 13, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Amherst Regional Junior High School. 156 town meeting members checked in.

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The adjourned session of Monday, May 13, 1996 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:45 p.m. 125 town meeting members were checked in.

The meeting voted that consideration of Article 27 be postponed until 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 1996.

The meeting voted that consideration of Article 30 be postponed until after consideration of Article 27.

The meeting voted that consideration of Article 29 be moved forward to precede Article 16.

ARTICLE 16. VOTED unanimously that the Town authorize the Select Board to acquire by eminent domain, purchase, gift or otherwise Map 27B, Parcel 26 of the Town Cadastre, now or formerly of Anna H. Rhodes and Francis E. Walsh, for conservation purposes, that \$2,700 be appropriated for such purpose and that to meet such appropriation, \$2,700 be transferred from the appropriation made under Article 28 (FY 88) Watershed Land Acquisition (\$20,000).

Action taken on 5/13/96.

ARTICLE 17. VOTED unanimously that the Town authorize the Select Board to acquire by eminent domain, purchase, gift or otherwise Map 27D, Parcel 4 of the Town Cadastre, now or formerly of James K. Mosakewicz, for conservation purposes, that \$7,000 be appropriated for such purpose and that to meet such appropriation, \$7,000 be transferred from the appropriation made under Article 5-II (3-79) Lawrence Swamp (\$730,000).

Action taken on 5/13/96.

ARTICLE 18. VOTED unanimously that the Town appropriate \$100,000 to repair or replace approximately 800 feet of 16 inch sewer line on Hitchcock Road and that to meet such appropriation \$100,000 be transferred from Sewer Fund Surplus.

Action taken on 5/13/96.

ARTICLE 19. DISMISSED - Capital Program - Sewer Fund - Amherst-Pelham Extension

Action taken on 5/13/96.

ARTICLE 20. VOTED unanimously that the Town authorize the Select Board:

- a.to release to Amherst Village, Inc., and Sabrina Realty Limited Partnership any rights and interests within their respective parcels which the Town may have in the old road or way from Old Belchertown Road to the old brickyard, in consideration and in exchange for their release to the Town of Amherst of any rights and interests within the parcel owned by the Town which they may have in said road or way; and
- b.to release to Amherst Village, Inc., and Sabrina Realty Limited Partnership the Town's rights and interests within their respective parcels to a 20.00' wide water line easement, acquired by the Town by instrument recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 1539, Page 425, in consideration and in exchange for their conveyance to the Town of the substitute 20.00' wide water line easement, as shown on the Definitive Subdivision Plan, East Woods, Amherst, Massachusetts, dated January 26, 1996, prepared by Heritage Surveys, Inc. for Amherst Village, Inc. and Sabrina Realty Limited Partnership.

Action taken on 5/13/96.

ARTICLE 21. DISMISSED - Capital Program - Town Hall

Action taken on 5/13/96.

ARTICLE 22. VOTED that the Town raise and appropriate \$480,011 to the Stabilization Fund.

Action taken on 5/13/96.

ARTICLE 23. DISMISSED YES 99, NO 42 - Free Cash

Action taken on 5/13/96.

ARTICLE 24. VOTED unanimously that the Town amend Sections 3.3120 & 3.3121 of the Zoning Bylaw by adding the shaded language, as follows:

3.3120     Class I

During June, July, August & September, the majority of the products sold shall be produced by the

owner , lessee or other lawful occupant of the land on which the facility is located or made from the products so produced.

3.3121 Class II

During June, July, August & September, at least 25% of the products sold shall be produced by the owner , lessee or other lawful occupant of the land on which the facility is located or made from products so produced.

Action taken on 5/13/96.

ARTICLE 25. VOTED YES 134, NO 7 that the Town amend the Official Zoning Map by rezoning the following properties from the Low Density Residence District (R-LD) to the Neighborhood Residence District (R-N):

Map 17D - Parcels 2, 17; Map 20B - Parcels 6, 10, 19, 52, 54, 63, 67, 68, 69; Map 20D - Parcels 56, 71; Map 21B - Parcels 12, 13, 34 & 35.

Action taken on 5/13/96.

ARTICLE 26. VOTED unanimously that the Town amend the Official Zoning Map by removing the southern portions of parcels 59, 60 & 61, Map 25B, from the Farmland Preservation (FP) Overlay District.

Action taken on 5/13/96.

9:56 p.m. The meeting voted to adjourn to Monday, May 20, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Amherst Regional Junior High School. 161 town meeting members checked in.

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The adjourned session of Monday, May 20, 1996 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:53 p.m. 125 town meeting members were checked in.

ARTICLE 27. VOTED YES 111, NO 46 that the Town amend the Official Zoning map by rezoning parcel 140, Map 5A from the Village Center Residence District (R-VC) to the Village Center Business District (B-VC).

Action taken on 5/20/96.

ARTICLE 28. VOTED unanimously that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

A. Amend Section 10.387 by adding the highlighted language, as follows:

10.387 The proposal provides convenient and safe vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site, and in relation to adjacent streets, property or improvements. If the Special Permit Granting Authority deems the proposal likely to have a significantly adverse impact on traffic patterns, it shall be permitted to require a traffic impact report, and the proposal shall comply with Section 11.2437 of this Bylaw.

B. Amend Section 10.391 by renumbering it as 10.397, and adding new Sections 10.391 through 10.396, as follows:

10.391 The proposal protects, to the extent feasible, unique or important natural, historic or scenic features.

10.392 The proposal provides adequate landscaping, including the screening of adjacent residential uses, provision of street trees, landscape islands in the parking lot and a landscape buffer along the street frontage.

10.393 The proposal provides protection of adjacent properties by minimizing the intrusion of lighting, including parking lot and exterior lighting, through the use of cut-off luminaires, light shields, lowered height of light poles, screening, or similar solutions.

10.394 The proposal avoids, to the extent feasible, impact on steep slopes, floodplains, scenic views, grade changes, and wetlands.

10.395 The proposal does not create disharmony with respect to the terrain and to the use, scale and architecture of existing buildings in the vicinity which have functional or visual

relationship thereto.

10.396 The proposal provides screening for storage areas, loading docks, dumpsters, rooftop equipment, utility buildings and similar features.

10.397 The proposal is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Bylaw.  
Action taken on 5/22/96.

ARTICLE 29. VOTED that the Town amend Article IV of the Town Bylaws by replacing the existing "Removal of Snow and Ice" bylaw with the following:

1. The owner of any real property that abuts any sidewalk shall remove any and all accumulation, whether natural or otherwise, of snow and/or ice within 24 hours of the end of the precipitation which caused the accumulation. If the snow and/or ice has accumulated other than by precipitation, it shall be removed within 24 hours of its accumulation on such sidewalk. In order to comply with this bylaw, all sidewalks shall be cleared to the surface of the sidewalk, or, where it is impracticable to do so, the sidewalk shall be treated with sand or otherwise. It is the express intent of this bylaw to assure safe and convenient access on sidewalks to all travelers, including those with disabilities and/or mobility impairments, including people who use wheelchairs.
2. Any owner of real property who violates section 1, above, of this bylaw, shall pay a fine of \$100. Each 24-hour period in which snow and/or ice is not removed or treated as provided in section 1, above, shall constitute a separate offense. No prosecution or other proceeding hereunder shall be commenced more than 60 days from the violation. The provisions of this bylaw may be enforced through the non-criminal disposition method as provided in M.G.L. c. 40, § 21D. For the purposes of non-criminal disposition, the following shall be enforcing persons: Police Officers.
3. In addition to the remedies provided in section 2, above, the Select Board, in its discretion, may after due notice to the owner of the real property and an opportunity to be heard, perform or otherwise cause the clearing or treating of snow and/or ice to be performed and recover from said owner the expense therefore which shall not exceed \$500.00. Such expense shall constitute a municipal charge lien against the real property as provided in M.G.L. c. 40, § 58.

Action taken on 5/13/96.

ARTICLE 30. VOTED YES 112, NO 39 in terms of the amended document entitled "Article 30, An Act to Authorize the Town of Amherst to Control the Continuing Affordability of Governmentally-Involved Housing".

Action taken on 5/20/96.

VOTED to amend Section 4: Evictions (A)(2) to read:

(2) the tenant has violated any term or clause of any lease or rental agreement which is not in violation of the relevant landlord-tenant and consumer protection laws of the Commonwealth, and has failed to cure the violation after having received written notice thereof;

Action taken on 5/20/96.

10:35 p.m. The meeting voted to adjourn to Wednesday, May 22, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Amherst Regional Junior High School. 167 town meeting members checked in.

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The adjourned session of Wednesday, May 22, 1996 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:49 p.m. 125 town meeting members were checked in.

ARTICLE 31. VOTED that the Town accept the provisions of M.G.L. c.138, § 12, relative to the issuing of Cordials and Liqueurs licenses.

Action taken on 5/22/96.

ARTICLE 32. DEFEATED YES 61, NO 78 - Resolution: Amherst/UMass Agreement  
(By Petition of Larry Kelley)

Action taken on 5/22/96.

ARTICLE 33. VOTED that the Town adopt a resolution to the effect that the Town strongly supports the Select Board and the Town Manager in their efforts to obtain from Amherst and Hampshire Colleges fair compensation to the Town for the unfunded services provided by the Town of Amherst to them.

Action taken on 5/22/96.

ARTICLE 34. DISMISSED - Advisory Question: Ambulance Reimbursement from  
Colleges (By Petition of Larry Kelley)

Action taken on 5/22/96.

ARTICLE 35. VOTED unanimously that the Town declare surplus and authorize the Select Board to sell in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 30B the land and improvements on Parcel 81 of Map 5A of the Town Cadastre, comprising 800 square feet more or less, upon which is located a building known as the old North Fire Station, said location being 24 Pine Street, subject to the following restrictions enforceable by sufficient penalties:

- a.the building shall neither be moved nor demolished,
- b.the building shall be used only for residential purposes or for a home business accessory to such residential use,
- c.any renovation work on the old North Fire Station, which is a contributing structure in an historic district, shall be subject to the approval of the Amherst Historic Commission - in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for the Renovation of Historic Structures,
- d.no parking shall be allowed on the site except inside the structure, exceptions being allowed during renovation and for similar purposes."

Action taken on 5/22/96.

ARTICLE 36. DISMISSED - Acceptance of Streets  
(By Petition of Amherst Woods Association)

Action taken on 5/22/96.

ARTICLE 37. VOTED YES 96, NO 41 that the Town authorize the Select Board to file with the Legislature a Special Act permitting resident aliens to vote in town elections."

Action taken on 5/22/96.

ARTICLE 38. VOTED that Town Meeting direct the Moderator to appoint a committee of seven citizens to study procedures and practices associated with town meeting, and submit recommendations for improvements therein to the next annual town meeting; said study to include but not be limited to the efficiency and size of town meeting and its function and accountability as a legislative body."

Action taken on 5/22/96.

ARTICLE 39. DEFEATED - Town Meeting Rules of Order Sec. A  
DEFEATED YES 58, NO 62 - Town Meeting Rules of Order Sec. B & C  
(By Petition of Kenneth R. Mosakowski)

10:47 p.m. A quorum count was called. There were 118 members present and a quorum was not present. 10:53 p.m. The meeting voted to adjourn to Wednesday, May 22, 1996 at 11:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Amherst Regional Junior High School.

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The adjourned session of Wednesday, May 22, 1996 was called to order by the Moderator at 11:05 p.m. A quorum count was held at 11:06 p.m. 129 town meeting members were present.

ARTICLE 40. VOTED unanimously to adopt the following Resolution in Support of Hampshire County Government:

"Whereas, the voters of Hampshire County approved a Home Rule Charter in November of 1988 which provided that each community be represented by at least one county commissioner, and amended the same in 1992; and,

Whereas, the Hampshire County Human Services department provides financial and organizational assistance to the County's human service agencies, including agencies which serve thousands of Amherst residents; and,

Whereas, the Hampshire County Cooperative Purchasing Department saves municipalities, school



districts, and non-profit human service agencies over \$3 million dollars a year on supplies and avoided administrative costs while insuring that purchases are professionally handled in accordance with state law; and,

Whereas, the Hampshire County Regional Service Department operates the only program in the Commonwealth to screen surplus military property for municipal use, has secured funding or provided technical assistance for programs addressing emergency planning, oil tank removal, E911 services, regional lock-ups, etc., and supervises a regional inspection services program; and,

Whereas, the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust cooperatively provides health and life insurance to over 2,400 employees of 25 public employers under the supervision of a County Insurance Manager and an Insurance Advisory Committee; and,

Whereas, the Hampshire County Retirement Board assists retirees and their public employers by providing timely, locally available information and effectively managing over \$50 million in retirement fund investments to minimize those employers annual retirement assessments; and,

Whereas, Hampshire County operates, at an average 97% capacity, a Long-Term Care Facility which has set regional caregiving standards in part by achieving 100% no-deficiency ratings in its most recent state and federal certification; and,

Whereas, Hampshire County and the elected Register of Deeds jointly operate a modern, efficient Registry of Deeds, the local availability of whose services is vital to the municipalities, businesses, and residents of Hampshire County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amherst Representative Town Meeting, taking into account the positive influence of Hampshire County services in our civic lives, calls upon State Senator Stanley Rosenberg, State Representative Ellen Story, and the legislative leadership of the Massachusetts Senate and House to work and vote to support, maintain, and strengthen county government; and,

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amherst Representative Town Meeting ask these same legislators to work with the commissioners of this and other counties to provide the basis for long-term financial stability for counties; and,

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that a signed and attested copy of this resolution be sent to all named individuals forthwith."

Action taken on 5/22/96.

The business of the warrant having been completed, the meeting voted to dissolve at 11:12 p.m. on May 22, 1996. 156 town meeting members checked in.

Attest:

Margaret Z. Nartowicz  
Assistant Town Clerk

\* See wording for document entitled "Article 30, An Act to Authorize the Town of Amherst to Control the Continuing Affordability of Governmentally-Involved Housing" on pages 435A - 435D.